

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, between the title and line 1, insert the following new subheading
(centered):

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, between lines 27 and 28, insert the following new subheading
(centered):

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 3, replace the paragraph on line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

wherein L is a π -bonded σ -bonded ligand,

Page 3, line 13, insert the following new subheading (centered):

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Page 5, replace the paragraph on line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

wherein L is a π -bonded σ -bonded ligand,

Page 5, replace the paragraph beginning on line 20 with the following amended paragraph:

The process of the present invention is particularly suitable for the preparation of silicon containing metallocene catalyst components which may contain either a single π -bonded σ -bonded ligand or two π -bonded σ -bonded ligands.

Page 5, delete the paragraph beginning on line 23 in its entirety.